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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	19-878-C	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	9/10/2019 12:57 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Bexar County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	200 N. Comal
Agency City:	San Antonio	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78207		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Javier
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Salazar		
Reporter Name:	John Mahon	Reporter Email:	jmahon@bexar.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Carlos

Middle Name:

Last Name: Gonzalez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/4/1979 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 39

Date/Time of Custody (arrest, incarceration) (mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm AM/PM):

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/8/2019 12:07 AM

Date/Time of Death (mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm AM/PM):

Death Date and Time: 9/8/2019 6:57 AM

Manner / Cause of Death

Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

Medical Examiner/Coroner Evaluation?: Yes, results are available

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Manner of Death: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot Wound of the Head

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment: Not Applicable

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

Who caused the death?: Decedent

If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of weapon that caused death?: Handgun

Was the cause of death the result of a pre-existing medical condition or did the decedent develop the condition after admission?

Pre existing medical condition?: Not Applicable; cause of death was accidental injury, intoxication, suicide or homicide

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death: Firearm

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	8819 Straight Oaks	City:	San Antonio
County:	Bexar	Zip:	78254

What location category best describes where the event causing the death occurred?

Location Category: Residence/Home

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody: Police Custody (pre-booking)

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

N/A

What was the time and date of the deceased's entry into the law enforcement facility where the death occurred (mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm AM/PM):

Entry Date Time:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☑

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Scene of incident

General Information

Did any other law enforcement agencies respond to calls for service related to this incident?

Other Agencies Respond?:	Yes

What were the most serious offense(s) with which the deceased was (or would have been) charged with at the time of death?

Offense 1:

Aggravated Assault-Deadly Weapon

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault-Deadly Weapon

Offense 3:

Were the Charges::	Filed

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense:	Violent Crime Against Persons

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent display or use a weapon?

Decedent display/use of weapons:	Yes, mark all that apply
Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details:	Discharged firearm

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Attempt to Injure Others?:	Yes (select all that apply)
Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others:	Injured civilian(s) or other inmate(s)

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	Yes
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	Exhibit any medical problems?:	Unknown

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Barricade self or initiate standoff?:	Yes	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	Unknown
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Unknown
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	No		

Was the deceased under restraint in the time leading up to the death or the events causing the death?

Under Restraint:	No

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

In gist, on 09/08/2019, at about 0007 hours, Carlos Gonzalez contacted the mother of his children, Veronica Lara, at her residence: 8819 Straight Oaks. Also present at Veronica’s residence was her current boyfriend, Thomas Cuellar. At some point, Gonzalez shot both Veronica and Thomas with a firearm; Veronica fled on foot from the residence, was chased by Gonzalez, and allegedly dragged back to the residence. The Bexar County Sheriff's Office responded and both Veronica and Thomas were removed from the scene and transported to hospital in critical condition. Gonzalez had barricaded himself inside the aforementioned residence and negotiations ensued to resolve the incident and place Gonzalez under arrest for two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (warrants for each charge were applied for and granted while negotiations were taking place). Negotiations did not resolve the standoff and several hours thereafter the utilities to the residence were shut off. The residence was gassed by the SWAT team and during this time an officer reportedly heard a pop. Subsequently, Gonzalez was discovered in an upstairs crawl space with what appeared to be an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. Later, Gonzalez was transported to the Bexar County Medical Examiner's Office for autopsy; his cause of death is listed as gunshot wound of the head and his manner of death was ruled a suicide.